

REMARKS:

The current preliminary amendment revises claims 1-19. This amendment is not related to patentability and instead merely formats the claims in a manner consistent with US Patent and Trademark Office standards. In particular, reference numerals are deleted to make it clear that it is not appropriate to limit the claims to the embodiments depicted in the figures.

The Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of this Amendment. In the event that the Applicants are mistaken, you are hereby authorized to deduct the required amounts from our Deposit Account No. 02-0400 (Baker & McKenzie). *When identifying such a withdrawal, please use the Attorney Docket Number BER-103.*

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Respectfully,

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